

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15, 17-19, 21-23 and 25-34 are pending, and have been allowed. The indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Claims 11-13, 23, 25, 28 and 34 are amended. No new matter is introduced.<sup>1</sup>

In the *Ex Parte Quayle* Action, Claims 11-13, 23, 25, 28 and 34 were objected to for containing informalities.

In response, Applicants have amended dependent Claims 11-13, 23, 25, 28 and 34 to recite a “program storing medium” consistent with their respective parent claims, and as the Office Action suggested. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to Claims 11-13, 23, 25, 28 and 34 be withdrawn.

In view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests an early action favorable to that effect.

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<sup>1</sup> Support for the amended claims can be found at least in the claims as previously filed, for example.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

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